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CALEB POWERS AND JAMES HOWARD FREED AFTER 8 YEARS CONFINEMENT

**Gov. Willson Says Both are
Absolutely Innocent**

**Noted Prisoners Released Satur-
day Morning and Were Shower-
ed With Congratulations**

With firm steady strokes of his pen Gov. Willson at 3:15 o'clock last Saturday morning gave freedom to the two most noted prisoners in the world Caleb Powers and James B. Howard, accused of complicity in the murder of William Goebel more than eight years ago.

The appending of his signature to the pardons concluded the most arduous task ever undertaken by a Chief Executive of the Commonwealth and ended the final chapter of one of the most bitter and relentless political persecutions in the history of any country.

The official announcement of the pardon of the two prisoners was not made until 8:30 o'clock when Private Secretary Todd called the newspaper correspondent at the Capital into the executive office and conveyed to them the Governor's message.

FLASHED OVER THE WORLD.

In a few seconds the telegraph wires were flashing the glad news all over the country while messengers were on their way to the Scott County Jail at Georgetown, where Powers slept calmly with no intimation of the glad tidings in store for him and to the State Penitentiary where Howard had taken up his early morning labors in the shoe shop.

Assistant Secretary of State Jackson Morris was dispatched to Georgetown jail with the Powers pardon tucked away in an inside pocket, while Secretary of State Ben L. Bruner took the Howard pardon and made a bee line to the penitentiary.

Accompanied by Deputy Warden Hawkins, Dr. Bruner went directly to the stock department of the shoe shop and handed the precious paper to the twice convicted man.

"THANK GOD!" HE CRIED.

"Thank God," cried Howard as he unfolded the document and saw the big official seal of State in the lower left-hand corner.

Tears filled his eyes, and he was too moved for further utterance. His fellow prisoners crowded around him, and almost wrenched his arm from the socket. "Boys, good bye, and good luck," he said, as he was led away in the direction of his cell.

He was assisted in packing up a few personal belongings and with a fare well handshake with the deputy warden and some of the prisoners, he passed out of the penitentiary gate in prison garb.

"I must thank Gov. Willson," he exclaimed and hurried in company with Secretary of State Bruner across the street to the executive mansion where Gov. Willson and Mrs. Willson and Mrs. William Ekin, Mrs. Willson's sister, were leaving the front porch, advancing to meet him.

TEAR-STAINED FACE

With tear-stained face the prisoner clasped the hand of the Chief Executive and murmured his thanks, while the Governor wrung his hand heartily and wished him success and prosperity for the future.

Mr. Willson and Mrs. Ekin greeted him cordially and pressed his hand, wishing him success in the new vista of life that opened before him. With additional expressions of his thanks, Howard then accompanied by his friends proceeded to a local clothing store where he was fitted out with a neat serge suit and straw hat.

STARTS FOR LOUISVILLE.

This accomplished he and the party made for the railroad station to catch the Chesapeake and Ohio train for Louisville which was almost due from the East.

At the station hundreds of Frankfort people had collected, for the news of the pardons had spread rapidly and he was given a demonstration that he will long remember.

Republican and Democrats of the Capital city, women and children pressed forward to clasp his hand. To all he responded "Thank you, you are kind."

His manner was very reserved, but his eyes shown with pleasure and the

delight within him was apparent.

GOVERNOR'S LONG TASK.
Since April 14 or nearly two months, Gov. Willson had devoted all of his spare time to the consideration of the Powers and Howard pardon applications.

It was no easy task to read the tremendous volume of testimony which the records contained in these two famous cases. Night after night the Governor sat up until the wee sma' hours going over the testimony and often doing without his meals in order that no time might be lost in its consideration.

Friday morning he repaired to the executive mansion and left word that he could see no visitors and that he was not to be disturbed except by important affairs of State.

BROTHER'S CHIEF WORK.

The brothers of William Goebel, devotedly attached to his memory, made it the chief end of their lives to punish the criminal and in that have the sympathy of every good man and woman.

"Selfish politicians in turn put the feeling against the crime to base uses for personal ends, and the whole State was divided into two camps, with neighbor against neighbor, in frenzy while all the world marveled at the sight until at last the passion was spent and the people, worn out with the struggle, registered their decree that these cases should no longer be the football of politics, but should be considered like other cases not politically but on the merits, without passion, hate, abuse of prejudice and the people gave their trust and confidence to my promise to consider them just like other cases on the law and the facts without fear or favor, and I promised that my mission was one of peace and good will and an end to strife and hate.

HAS NO REGRET.

"I have done all that strength has been given me to do to consider the cases regardless of my personal wishes, sympathy or first impressions, and wholly in the light of truth and right and while no one could be glad to have such a responsibility placed upon him, I neither seek to avoid criticism nor win praise in making my decision.

"I carry no burden of regret that the duty has fallen to my lot, but I am reverently thankful that it has come to pass that I should be the instrument of justice and mercy as God has given me to see my duty and know the right and my faith is unshaken that He, in whom I have trusted to lead us to a right and just decision has also revealed the truth to all that good may come of it from strife and contention good will and neighborly feeling and an end to these troubles.

READ ALL TESTIMONY.

"I have, with patient work and care, read studied and considered the thousands of pages of the testimony of the great number of witnesses in these trials. It has been what may have seemed an unreasonable time but the vital importance of the cases and of the questions involved in them made this imperative and I hope this will be a sufficient answer to any criticism of the delay, for while I have spent many weeks in this work, I could not hope to act wisely or justly in deciding off-hand or without the fullest consideration; and now I have given to the cases this work and thought acting in the light of duty and conscience as I am able to see it.

RESTORES ALL RIGHTS.

"After due notice to the representatives of the Commonwealth and of the accused and after full argument before me in public by both sides and after a most patient laborious and careful examination of all of the evidence in the trials, I grant Caleb Powers a full and unconditional pardon for the offense with which he stands charged and a restoration to all his rights of citizenship, and order that he be forthwith released from the jail in which he is incarcerated and, in discharge of my duty under the above constitutional provision I now state as my reason for granting that he is beyond all reasonable doubt innocent of

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CONVENTION CHEERS ROOSEVELT

**Mention of President's Name
Causes wild Enthusiasm**

**All Contests Decided for Taft and
Nothing Remains but to
Name Him.**

Convention Hall, Chicago, June 17.—When Permanent Chairman Lodge, soon after beginning his speech, mentioned the name of Roosevelt the convention went wild. At this time the scene continued unabated, having now lasted twenty-eight minutes. The whole hall has broken into monotonous repetition of the phrase, "Four Years More," continuing it like a chant amid great excitement.

The playing of the band in an attempt to still the crowd only increased its noise. The demonstration has lasted now a half-hour and is still furious, while the band plays "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

2:15 p. m.—Chairman Lodge has given up all assemblage of trying to stop the noise and has taken his chair. While nearly all the delegates are on their feet the Ohio delegation is noticeably seated and silent.

2:22 p. m.—Cecil Lyons, of Texas, from the platform is encouraging his delegation to continue the demonstration.

Senator Lodge is making effort to quiet the assemblage and is rapping for order, but the noise only breaks out more vociferously.

Mayor Brookwaller, of Indianapolis has authorized the statement that there will be no minority report from the Committee on Credentials.

Mayor Brookwaller, who led the minority forces against the majority report on credentials said as to the reason for abandoning the fight.

"We did not desire to be merely captious; only three members of the committee were willing to sign a minority report and fight it out. Knowing that we can get at the same questions involved when the convention later considers the Burke resolution to reduce the representation of these States in the South where Federal officeholders control results and throttle opposition, we decided to let the matter go for the present."

The committee on Rules this morning defeated by a vote of twenty-four to seventeen the resolution introduced yesterday by Representative Burke of Pittsburg, providing for a reduction in the ratio of representation at National Conventions.

Late hours of committee work last night resulted in a tardy appearance of the leaders of the convention at the Coliseum this morning and at 11:30 o'clock one hour after the opening of the doors there were less than a score of delegates scattered about in the State division. The alternates were more in evidence however, and their sections just in the rear of the regular delegates filled up quite rapidly.

There was not the same rush of visitors as on yesterday, word having gained circulation that the day's session was likely to be brief. Half an hour before the time set for convening there were only a few hundred spectators in the gallery.

The capably strong-lunged and eager brass band on lofty balcony porch, hastened to its work this morning and the void of absent delegates and visitors was filled with the strains of lively music.

A parade of many of the State delegations preceded the assembling of the convention to-day and the street leading from the downtown hotel district to the Coliseum were thronged with thousands of people who cheered the marching hosts.

The final details of the platform are being arranged by the Platform Committee to-night and this accomplished the convention will be equipped to-morrow to make its declaration of policy and proceed to the selection of candidates.

The platform is expected to go before the convention early in the day, and its adoption will be followed by the speeches placing in nomination the candidates for President.

**The Dog Law Upheld by
Appellate Court.**

Frankfort, Ky., June 17.—The consti-

tutionality of the "dog tax law" enacted by the General Assembly of 1906 was upheld this morning by the Court of Appeals Judge Barker writing the opinion. Chief Justice O'Rear, Judges Nunn and Carroll dissent. The case at bar is that of W. Glore, Sheriff against Womack, on appeal from the Carter Circuit Court.

After disposing of the objection to the law that it violates section 51 of the Constitution in its title the court holds that it is not a violation of sections 171, 172 or 174. It holds that the law was intended for police regulation, and not a revenue statute. Declaring that dogs are appropriate subject of regulation under the police power of the State the court says this "is established by an overwhelming weight of judicial authority and unquestionably it is entirely within the power of the Legislature to prohibit the ownership of dogs at all. Continuing the court says. We do not think it can be doubted that if it is competent for the Legislature to prohibit the ownership of dogs or to prohibit them running at large, it is also competent to impose any other regulation which in its wisdom is best adapted to promote the sheep industry.

In dissenting Judge O'Rear—Judges Carroll and Nunn concurring—say that the State cannot tax one class of property for the benefit of another class, and that this goes beyond the police power of the State.

TAYLOR NEVER TO RETURN TO KENTUCKY.

**Applauds Pardoning of Powers
And Howard—Finley Also
Much Pleased.**

Indianapolis, Ind., June 15.—"Complete restitution can never be made to Caleb Powers and James Howard," said W. S. Taylor yesterday, after hearing the news of their pardon by Gov. Augustus E. Willson.

"For eight terrible years they have been pursued by a malignant partisan persecution, utterly lost to reason and blind to justice. The Governor pardoned them not because they have suffered enough for a crime, but because from the proof, they are absolutely innocent of wrongdoing. Their release is a most righteous act." Asked if he would voluntarily return to Kentucky Mr. Taylor said.

"I don't think I shall ever return to Kentucky. I have many business interests here now and my law practice is growing steadily. I could go back there only at a great personal sacrifice, and I do not think I shall do so."

Charles Finley, former Secretary of State of Kentucky also expressed the deepest satisfaction.

"Nothing in my whole life has ever given me profounder satisfaction," said he. "My belief in their innocence has never wavered. The Chief Executive of Kentucky, after a conscientious, painstaking study of the record in their cases is convinced of it, and has done what he can to repair a great wrong done them."

"But while the Governor has given them their liberty it was not in his power to restore to them the years of their lives of which they have been robbed. That is a wrong that cannot be redressed. I rejoice beyond words that their liberty has been given back to them and an opportunity yet to make something out of their broken lives."

Married in Texas.

Married at the home of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. W. C. Barnett in Valley Mills Texas on last Wednesday evening, Mr. Leon Noel, of Denison, to Miss Willie Barnett, Rev. Bryant officiating. Mr. Noel is a rising young business man of Denison and at present holding a lucrative position with the M. K. and T. railroad at that place while Miss Barnett is one of Bosque County's first-class school teachers and comes from one of the oldest and most respected families in Central Texas, being a granddaughter of Mr. A. M. Barnett who left Hartford more than half a century ago and settled on Hog Creek, in Bosque county. She has a host of relatives in Ohio County who join her Texas friends in wishing her a long and happy life.

It will be just about the biggest day Ohio County ever saw---that big Masonic and K. of P. Barbecue at Hartford, June 20.

LARGEST CROP OF TOBACCO

**Predicted for This Year By
J. W. Dunn.**

**Who Makes Plea for Reorganiza-
tion of the Green River
A. S. of E.**

All dues of the A. S. of E. will be due by July 1, and all members who have not paid their dues by that time will be suspended and they will not be entitled to attend the county union as delegates. Let all pay up and let the July meeting of the county union be a banner one. Let all attend their local. It is necessary there will, probably be the largest crop of tobacco this year that has ever been planted in the county. Certainly it will be the largest since the A. S. of E. has been in control here and with only about 40 per cent of it pledged to the pool you stand a good chance of getting back to \$4 tobacco. Let us get back to our local and pay our dues. With four counties still standing by Equity and three divided the Green River district should get busy. I would suggest that the old Green River district meet on the regular day, the first Thursday in July and reorganize and see if we can not get the A. S. of E. forces together. Now this means no fight but only peace and harmony. Let us get the Equity people and all others together and agree on the price for the crop this year. This will further help the progress of uniting and of bringing all the tobacco under control. This is the only way to do it. I am not fighting the new organization but am fighting for the tenant, renter and the small farmer. Many of these are to-day indebted to the A. S. of E. for their homes and will never desert that organization. The large grower does not need any sympathy. He is able to take care of himself. It is a fact that the fight was won by the poor farmer and the A. S. of E. and as one of them I am in sympathy with them. I have waited to see what could be done and I see failure unless more is done than has yet been accomplished by new organization. Again I say let there be no fighting. If the independents can get together on their plan and the A. S. of E. on theirs and control all the tobacco with one agreed price this will be uniting all on both sides and upholding the A. S. of E.

The Whitesville local will meet on June 20 when we expect to collect more dues but we are entitled to a fair delegation now. We will elect delegates to both the county and the district unions. Let the rest of the county do the same.

In conclusion I will say that I have been silent for some time hoping that good judgment and sober consideration would settle matters favorably but I now see that Equity must come forward and save us or we are lost. With ill will for none and with harmony for all let us meet on the first Thursday in July. I ask this for the sake of peace and harmony.

J. W. DUNN.

Whitesville, Ky. June 16.

Saturday, June 20, big Masonic and K. of P. Barbecue at Hartford Fair Grounds.

Revolution May Follow Panama Election.

Panama, June 15.—With the hot-blooded Latin-Americans of the canal country ready to fight at the drop of a hat with the street corners and the cafes daily the scenes of heated arguments and more spectacular clashes Panama is in a state of seething political ferment. The situation is daily becoming more and more critical and the fate of the republic hangs in the balance. As usual the old, old story of political ambition the bane of the Latin-American country, is behind it all.

With the Presidential campaign at a fever heat and the possibility of revolution coming close upon the heels of the election which takes place the last week in June and the first week in July the conservative business element of the republic is asking intervention at the hands of Uncle Sam.

Both the Conservative and Liberal parties had virtually agreed upon Seno

Obaldia former Minister to Washington as the Presidential candidate fully 80 per cent. of both parties favoring his election. When Obaldia declined to promise to continue in office certain friends of Amador who are alleged to be on the pay roll without warrant of law, Amador broke his pledges of support and sided with Arias.

It is freely predicted that if Arias is elected revolution will follow immediately. To force American intervention threats are being made to dynamite the canal work, and blow up the Hotel Rivili and various other important buildings.

Bankruptcy Judgment Stands.

In the matter of Barnard Kittinger et al., against Philip Brady, pending in the District Court of the United States, Judge Evans has delivered an opinion overruling the motion to vacate the order of adjudication in bankruptcy. This matter has been pending since December, 1907. Brady was adjudged a bankrupt in April, but certain secured creditors and Brady himself sought to have the matter opened up again on the ground that the Court had no jurisdiction because Brady lives in Tennessee. Considerable proof was taken on this issue from which the Court holds that although Brady resided in Tennessee his principal place of business for six months past prior to filing petition was in Ohio county, Ky. An appeal will likely be taken. It is thought the resources and liabilities will reach be about \$20,000.

COFFIN CONTAINING BONES OF INDIAN

**Found in Road in Griffith Neigh-
borhood of Daviess
County.**

Buried possibly before Columbus discovered America, a coffin probably of flint, containing the bones of a man, was found in the Griffith neighborhood and the discovery has caused much excitement in that section says the Owensboro Messenger.

The bones are believed to be those of an Indian. The bones were turned over to Dr. Aud, at Stanley, who now has them in charge. The substance of which the coffin is made has the appearance of slate, but is thought to be a flint substance which was much used in olden times for such purpose.

A few days ago a road crew scraped a part of the coffin and attention was called to the fact but no attempt was made at the time to investigate it. On Sunday afternoon John Skillman saw the slate looking object and with James Taylor secured a pick and shovel, believing that they had discovered a rich coal vein, and started an investigation. Instead of coal the brought to the surface parts of a peculiar shaped coffin and the bones of a human being. The coffin was buried in the ground about one foot and was built in such shape to allow the corpse to be buried in a sitting position. The coffin was found on the public road on the edge of Mrs. Mary Gaw's farm one mile north of Griffith.

"Blind Tom" Dies a Pauper In Hoboken.

New York, June 15.—"Blind Tom" the famous negro musician, marvel of three generations of playgoers, died yesterday in Hoboken, N. J., where he had been living for years in retirement and subsisting on charity. Thomas Wiggins is the name given in his burial certificate, but the name was one which the famous pianist adopted. He was born a slave near Columbus, Ga., about 1850. In early childhood Tom, who was born entirely blind and more than half idiotic, showed himself remarkably imitative frequently stealing to the house of his master to reproduce on the piano pieces he had heard played by others. In 1861 he became so proficient on the instrument that he was taken to New York and exhibited as a phenomenon, and later was widely heard in the United States and in Europe.

Photographer.

The well known Photographer, Mr. E. W. Jackson will be on the ground with his finely equipped Photo tent at the great Hartford Fraternal Barbecue June 20.